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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

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To:- The Chairman and Members of the Urban District of Adlington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1962.

According to the Registrar General's Mid-June Estimates of Population, the estimated population for Adlington is 4,550 - a steadily increasing figure, because of the new housing development.

The number of live births assignable to the District was 77 which is 9 less than in 1961 which was a record year. This gives a Birth Rate of 16.9 per 1000 population (adjusted 17.3) as compared with the Birth Rate for the country as a whole of 18.0.

The number of deaths attributed to the District was 41 or 16 fewer than in the previous year; giving a Death Rate of 9.0. per 1000 population (adjusted 10.5) as compared with the Death Rate for England and Wales of 12.0. Two deaths were of people aged 93 and 90, 29 were 65 or more; of these 5 were 70 or more, 8 were 75 or more, 5 were 80 or more and 4 were 85 or more.

In regard to the cause of death, the number of deaths from malignant neoplasms was 7, or two fewer than in the previous year. The number of deaths from diseases of the heart was 17, two less than in 1961. It is again pleasing to report that no deaths were attributed to tuberculosis. Deaths in the lower age groups were due to cancer, coronary thrombosis and heart disease, and there was one death from lobar pneumonia, a man of 42.

There were three deaths of newly-born infants, two of which were premature, as compared with 2 in 1961. This gives an Infantile Mortality Rate of 39.0 compared with 21.4 for the country as a whole. There were 2 stillbirths as against 3 in the previous year.

The number of cases of infectious disease notified was 42 as compared with 49 in 1961. These were as follows: 35 Measles, 1 Food Poisoning, 1 Poliomyelitis, 2 pulmonary and one non-pulmonary Tuberculosis, and 2 Pneumonia. The Poliomyelitis case was a girl of 9 years of age, she had not been immunised, and she appears to have made a good recovery.

The Lancashire County Council, at the request of the Ministry of Health, have had to prepare a 10-year plan for the Health and Welfare Services, and this plan includes a Clinic to be built in Adlington.

The general standard of housing in the District is reasonably good. As the older type of houses become owner-occupied, they are being modernised and interest in the Improvement and Standard Grants Schemes is increasing. There are, however a small number of old houses which will fall to be dealt with as unfit in the not too-distant future.

Other matters relating to environmental conditions are dealt with in the Report.

No further progress has been made with the extension of the sewerage system and sewage disposal works. Progress is held up by consultations with various authorities, including the River Board, as to the ultimate destination of the sewage from Adlington for treatment. The matter of new sewers is becoming increasingly urgent.

Notices for the making-up of two more private streets have been sent out to frontagers concerned. Work will start in 1963.

Dr. William R. Hatswell, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, who was in practice in Adlington, resigned from the Council in August, and left the country to take up an appointment in Canada.

Mr. N. R. Bolton, the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, terminated his service with this Authority in August to take up another appointment, and from then until the 26th November, when Mr. Alfred Livesey commenced his duties, the Council was without a Public Health Inspector.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Officers of the Council for their willing assistance at all times. My thanks are due also to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the support and consideration extended to me.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. WALKER

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1963.

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URBAN DISTRICT OF ADLINGTON

VITAL STATISTICS 1962

Area	1062 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate Mid-1962) ...	4550
Number of inhabited houses	1550
Rateable Value at 1st April 1962	£37,887.
Product of 1d Rate	£153.

Births

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births - Legitimate	41	34	75
Illegitimate	2	-	2
	43	34	77

Birth Rate per 1000 population - Crude = 16.9
Adjusted = 17.3

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births = 2.53

Stillbirths	2
Total live and stillbirths	79

Stillbirth Rate per 1000 live births ... = 25.3

Deaths

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths of infants under one year ...	1	2	3
ditto under 4 weeks ...	1	2	3
ditto under one week ...	1	2	3

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births:

Legitimate = 39.0
Illegitimate = nil
Total = 39.0

Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1000 live births = 39.0
Early neo-natal ditto = 39.0

Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths) = 63.3

Maternal deaths (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births ...	Nil

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	25	16	41

Death Rate per 1000 population - Crude = 9.0
Adjusted = 10.5

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	7
do. Measles	-
do. Whooping Cough	-
do. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-
do. Acute Poliomyelitis	-

Causes of Death

		Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasms -	Stomach ...	4	-	4
	Bronchus ...	1	-	1
	Other ...	-	2	2
Leukaemia ...	...	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of the nervous system ...		3	2	5
Coronary Disease - Angina ...		6	1	7
Hypertension with Heart Disease ...		1	2	3
Other Heart Disease ...	...	4	3	7
Other circulatory disease ...		2	3	5
Other diseases of Respiratory System ...		1	-	1
Pneumonia ...	...	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...		2	3	5
		25	16	41

	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
									Total		Neo-natal	
	Number registered.	Rate per 1000	Number registered	Rate per 1000 pop.	Number registered.	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths registered.	Rate per 1000 Total births	Number of deaths registered.	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths registered	Rate per 1000 live births
Year 1962	77	16.9	41	9.0	2	25.3	-	-	3	39.0	3	39.0
Year 1961	86	19.5	57	13.0	3	33.7	-	-	2	23.3	2	23.3
Year 1960	64	14.7	58	13.3	2	30.3	-	-	4	62.5	3	46.9
Year 1959	64	14.8	52	12.0	1	15.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Year 1958	61	14.4	47	11.1	-	-	-	-	1	16.0	1	16.0
Year 1957	56	13.4	62	14.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average 5 years 1957 - 1962	66.2	15.56	55.2	12.86	1.2	15.88	-	-	1.4	20.36	1.2	17.24

Adjusted (Live birth-rate (comparability Factor 1.07) = 17.3 per 1000
(Death-rate (comparability factor 1.11) = 10.5 per 1000

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Staff

Medical Officer of Health:- J. Walker, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., L.D.S., D.P.D. Divisional Medical Officer to the Health Division No.4 Lancashire County Council, and Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Chorley and the Fulwood, Leyland, Longridge, Walton-le-Dale Urban District Councils, and to Preston and Chorley Rural District Councils.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health - Dr. N.T.W. Pover, L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S., L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H. Senior Assistant Divisional Medical Officer to the Health Division No.4 Lancashire County Council.

Laboratory Facilities

Pathological Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.
Public Health Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.
Pathological Laboratory, Bolton Royal Infirmary.

The Public Health Laboratory Service is directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health, and caters for every aspect of the Public Health work of a Local Authority related to the Bacteriological and pathological examination of samples and specimens.

Ambulance Facilities

Provided by the Lancashire County Council Ambulance Service (Chorley Depot) Telephone: Chorley 2744.
All the ambulance vehicles are now radio-controlled from the County Ambulance Headquarters at Broughton.

Nursing in the Home

There is one "District Nurse" practising in the area. She is Nurse W. Burns, The Bungalow, Town Lane, Charnock Richard.
Telephone: Coppull 423.

Treatment Clinics

The "Minor Ailment" Clinic is held at 20 St. Thomas's Road, Chorley.
Ancillary School Clinics (Orthopaedic, Dental and Eye, etc.) are held at Chorley and attended by practitioners of Specialist status.
Attendance is by appointment via School Medical Staff.

Tuberculosis Clinics

The Chest Clinic, 34 St. Thomas's Road, Chorley.
A Chest Physician (Mr. Nicholson) attends.
This Clinic is also used as a consultant Clinic for chest conditions other than tuberculosis.

Hospital Facilities

Chorley and District Hospital.
Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley.
Wigan Infirmary.
Bolton Infirmary.
Preston Royal Infirmary.
Sharoe Green Hospital, Fulwood.
Heath Charnock Hospital.
Whelley Hospital, Wigan.
Isolation Hospital, Deepdale, Preston.

All administered by Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

These Services are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

Domiciliary Facilities

There is now no County Midwife resident in the District. The service is provided from adjacent areas.

Ante-Natal Clinics

The large majority of the expectant mothers in the area attend the ante-natal clinic at 2/4 St. Thomas's Square, Chorley, and avail themselves of the facilities provided by the Lancashire County Divisional Health Service.

Maternity Beds

Normal accommodation is available at Chorley and District Hospital and Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley. Other hospitals are also available.

Infant Welfare Centre

An Infant Welfare Centre is held weekly (Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.) at the Christ Church Schoolroom, Railway Road, Adlington, and is attended weekly by a Medical Officer of the Lancashire County Council, as well as the County Health Visitor. The Medical Officer is Dr. W. J. O'Neill.

The County Council are to provide a purpose-built School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre.

Health Visitor

The County's Health Visitor for the area is Mrs. Ashley, Johnson's Farm, Back Lane, Heath Charnock, Chorley.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The water supply of the area is provided (1) from the Blackrod Reservoir by arrangement with Blackrod Urban District Council, and (2) from a tapping of the conduits taking the Manchester Supply from Thirlemere by arrangement with Manchester Corporation. The supplies are interchangeable and complementary.

In 1957 a chlorinating plant was installed at Harding Street Pumphouse which deals with the Thirlmere supply, and samples of water have proved satisfactory. The Blackrod supply was already chlorinated.

During the year 32 samples of water were submitted for analysis; in September and October the Blackrod samples were reported to be unsatisfactory but after re-sampling the reports were highly satisfactory. Supplies from Manchester were consistently satisfactory.

Every house in the area has a "main supply". During the year ended 31st December 1962 a total of 56,129,000 gallons of water was consumed for all purposes, giving an average consumption of 34.87 gallons per head of the population per day. After deducting 9,451,000 gallons of water supplied by meter to various premises during the year, this gives an average of 29.09 gallons per day for domestic use.

The water main in Babylon Lane has been scraped and re-lined, and a great improvement in the volume of water available has resulted.

Joint Water Board

Nothing has yet been settled regarding the formation of a Water Board comprising Chorley Borough, Adlington, Blackrod, Horwich, Withnell Urban Districts and Chorley Rural District.

Drainage and Sewerage

Only 28 outlying properties are not connected to the sewerage system. Most of these have septic tanks. Sewage disposal is by precipitation and filtration over 3 coke filters at the Sewage Disposal Works at Harrisons Farm. The effluent is discharged into the River Douglas. The Sewage Works was modernised in 1931.

Owing to the relatively large amount of development which has taken place and which is planned, the Sewage Works are now too small to deal with the greatly increased amount of sewage flowing into them, and a Scheme for the extension of the Sewage Disposal Works and the Sewerage System has been prepared by the Council's Consultant Engineers, and approved by the Lancashire County Council. The Scheme has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, but following a Report from the Lancashire River Board, it would appear some modification of the

proposed Scheme will be required. This has delayed progress, but consultations are to be held with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in the New Year, and it is hoped that in view of the urgency, the matter will be quickly resolved.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

1699 moveable ashbins are emptied weekly by the local authority. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Council-owned Tip in Bradshaw Fields.

Cleansing of Drains and Closets

Closet accommodation:-

Privy middens - no. of middens	...	...	3
No. of closets attached thereto	...	...	3
No. of Pail Closets	...	...	1
No. of wastewater closets	...	...	1
No. of freshwater closets	...	...	1931

The onus for the satisfactory maintenance of drains and closets is upon the property owners and such work is not undertaken by the local authority.

Lavatories and Urinals

There are public lavatories at the upper and lower Recreation Grounds, and modern Sanitary Conveniences at Station Road and Babylon Lane. The Conveniences are cleaned daily by the Council's workmen. Wilful damage to the Conveniences is frequently occurring, and to reduce this as much as possible, the gates are locked each night.

Shops and Offices

There are between 90 and 100 registered Shops in the area. No action under the Shops Act or Public Health Act,1936, was taken during the year. The County Council are responsible for the administration of the Shops Acts, your Public Health Inspector made 72 visits to these premises during the year.

Camping Sites

There are no camping sites in the area.

Smoke Abatement

No. of Factory and Works Chimneys in the area	...	4
No. of observations taken during the year	...	6

No legal proceedings were taken for excessive smoke emissions during the year; personal contact with the firms and their boiler personnel was maintained by the Public Health Inspector.

Disinfestation of Houses

No house was found to be infested during the year 1962.

Schools

The water supply of the Schools is from the mains.

The following Schools are within the Urban District:-

Adlington C.E. Infants School.
St. Paul's C.E. Infants School
St. Paul's Junior School.

All the Schools have modern sanitary conveniences.

Other Matters

There are in the area no Common Lodging Houses of "Houses let in Lodgings" registered; no swimming baths or pools; no underground sleeping rooms; no premises where rag flock is manufactured; and no premises for the undertaking of offensive trades.

Summary of Sanitary Inspections

No. of premises visited	216
No. of visits made to above	251
No. of nuisances discovered	108
No. of nuisances abated	108
No. of informal notices served	23
No. of Statutory Notices served	nil

There were no legal proceedings for the abatement of nuisances.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(1)	By Local Authority	nil
(2)	By other Local Authorities ...	nil
(3)	By other bodies or persons ...	22

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(1) (a) Total No. of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health of Housing Acts)	143
(b) No. of inspections formal or informal, made for the purpose	158
(2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
(a) No. found during the year	-
(b) Estimated number at end of year	12
(3) No. of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	18

2. Houses demolished

In Clearance Areas - (Housing Act,1936 and Housing Repairs and Rent Acts, 1954):

(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc. ...	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	Nil

Not in Clearance Areas

(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act,1957	6

3. Unfit Houses Closed

(1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act,1957	Nil
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act,1957 ...	Nil
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	Nil

4. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal notice by local authority	18	Nil
(2) After informal notice under -		
(a) Public Health Acts ...	Nil	Nil
(b) Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act,1957.	Nil	Nil
(3) Under Section 24 Housing Act,1957 ...	Nil	Nil

5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957).

	No. of Houses
Position at end of year :	
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation :	
(a) Under Section 48 ...	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(2) ...	Nil
(c) Under Section 46 ...	Nil
Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 35	Nil

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased during the year ... ... Nil

7. Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants etc.

	Private Bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of Houses or other bldgs affected	No. of Schemes	No. of Houses of other bldgs affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	2	2	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	2	2	-	-
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-	-	-
(e) Work completed	1	1	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	-			

(g) Any other action taken under the Act ... None.

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants.

	Private Bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected.	No. of Schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	3	3	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	3	3	-	-
(c) Work completed (7 of these approved 1961)	9	9	-	-

Applications for Improvement and Standard Grants are coming along regularly and requests for information received towards the end of the year, indicate an increased number of applications will be made in 1963.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

Pre-1914 houses are chiefly stone-built, though some are brick, with slated roofs, 2 or 3 bedroom terraced type without hot water systems or bathrooms. The prevailing defects are dampness. Many of these houses are now owner-occupied and have been partially or completely modernised. There are 302 houses owned by the Council and less than 300 houses and shops with living accommodation, which are not owner-occupied. Most of the houses are well-built and well-maintained. There is no known overcrowding.

During the year 22 new dwellings were completed for private owners, and 10 dwellings were under construction at the end of 1962

Plans have been prepared for 12 houses and 10 one-room bungalows to be built by the Council in 1963.

Overcrowding or Housing Shortage

During the year 21 applications for houses were added to the Housing List, one of these being from a family living outside Adlington, 3 applications were for old people's bungalows. Only two of the applicants in Adlington were without a house of their own, these being very young married couples living since marriage with parents.

There were no known cases of overcrowding on the Council's list at the end of 1962.

Rent Act, 1957.
Part II of the First Schedule

No. of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	...	Nil
No. of Certificates issued	...	Nil
No. of Undertakings given by Landlords to remedy defects	...	Nil
No. of Applications in which defects were remedied immediately after Local Authority's notice	...	Nil
No. of applications withdrawn	...	Nil
No. of Certificates of Disrepair revoked	...	Nil

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937
Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Auth.	10	10	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Auth.	16	16	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (exc. Outworkers Premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	26	26	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found :

Particulars		No. of Cases
Want of Cleanliness	...	-
Overcrowding	...	-
Unreasonable temperature	...	-
Inadequate ventilation	...	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	...	-
Sanitary Conveniences		
a. Insufficient	...	-
b. Unsuitable or defective	...	-
c. No separate for sexes	...	-
Other offences against the Act (not relating to outwork)	...	-

PART VIII of the Act

Outwork

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August List	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prose-cutions
Wearing) Apparel) Making etc. Cleaning & Washing.	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

In April 1956 the Milk (Special Designations)(Specified Areas) Order came into force, and so far as Adlington is concerned, retailers now sell only designated milk - Tuberculin-tested, Pasteurised or Sterilised.

There are 3 producer-retailers with premises in Adlington and 4 retailers with premises outside the district retailing milk in Adlington. In addition there are 5 shops licensed to sell Sterilised Milk.

The licensing of Milk Retailers is now the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council and not the Local Authority.

(b) Meat

There is no licensed Slaughterhouse within the district.

There are 5 butchers and one Pork Butcher in the district, and 6 visits were made to these shops during the year, and to meat preparing premises.

(c) Other Foods.

Places where other foods are prepared or kept for sale are inspected frequently by the Public Health Inspector.

There are 8 small bakehouses and 5 fried fish shops in the district - all are kept in a satisfactory condition.

13 inspections of places where food is prepared were made during the year by the Public Health Inspector.

The following list gives the number of food premises by type of business in the district at the end of the year under review :-

General Grocers and provision dealers	...	23
Greengrocers & Fruiterers (inc. Fishmongers etc.)	...	6
Fishmongers (inc. poultry, game etc.) only	...	-
Meat Shops (Butchers, cooked & preserved meat,etc.	...	6
Bakers and/or Confectioners	...	8
Fried Fish Shops	...	5
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream etc.	...	6
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, cafes, snack bars	...	18

Unsound Food

During the year, the following food was surrendered as unfit for human consumption :-

Tinned tomatoes	...	10 lbs.
Tinned vegetables	...	19 lbs.
Tinned fruit	...	47 lbs.
Tinned meat	...	43½lbs.
Tinned milk and cream	...	15 pints.
Tinned fish	...	6 lbs.

Ice-Cream

Ice-cream retailed in shops throughout the district is confined to pre-packed standard brands, but two small manufacturers from neighbouring districts retail from travelling vans in Adlington.

Food Hygiene Regulations

23 visits have been made to food premises during the year, and it is apparent that retailers are observing the Food Hygiene Regulations as far as they possibly can, and in no case has statutory action been necessary.

RODENT CONTROL

The following table gives the work done during the year.

		Type of property			
	Local Authority	Dwelling houses	Agricultural	All other inc. business prem:	Total
Total no.of properties in Local Authority's district	8	1484	12	289	1781
No.of properties inspected by Local Authority during 1962 as a result of: (a) Notification (b) Survey or otherwise.	(a) -	21	-	2	23
	(b) 8	-	-	-	8
No.of properties inspected(see above) found to be infested with Rats	Major -	-	-	-	-
	Minor 3	9	-	2	14
No.of properties inspected(see above) found to be seriously infested with mice	-	-	-	-	-
No.of Block Control Schemes carried out	Nil				

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year the following cases were notified:-

		1962	1961
Measles	...	35	38
Scarlet Fever	...	-	6
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	1	-
Pneumonia	...	2	4
Tuberculosis	...	**3	1
Food Poisoning	...	1	-

** 2 Pulmonary
1 Non-pulmonary.

It is gratifying to note that this is the 18th successive year without a Diphtheria case notified.

Tuberculosis

Two new cases of pulmonary Tuberculosis and one case of non-pulmonary Tuberculosis were added to the Register during the year, as against one case of pulmonary Tuberculosis added last year.

The total number of cases on the Register at the end of the year was 11, of which 7 were pulmonary and 4 were non-pulmonary Tuberculosis. Two cases of pulmonary Tuberculosis were removed from the register as recovered, and one case of nonpulmonary Tuberculosis was also taken off the Register.